

# Senate to Halt Treaty Action Till To-morrow

## Delay Agreed On to Permit Democrats to Hear From Their Leaders at the Jackson Day Banquet

### Compromise Not Bryan's

### Chicago Mayor's Message Is Believed to Indicate That He Will Fight Lowden

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—All efforts to effect a compromise in the Senate on the peace treaty with Germany were halted to-day until after the Jackson Day dinner of the Democrats to-morrow night. The Republicans, at the request of the group of Democratic Senators who yesterday submitted a definite plan for an agreement on reservations, withheld action on the proposed substitute reservations until Friday.

Senator Underwood, of Alabama, author of a resolution providing for appointment of a committee of ten Senators to conciliate the differences between the Republicans and Democrats over reservations, announced in the Senate that he will not press his resolution to a vote unless the compromise negotiations now under way should fail.

The Democratic Senators who proposed the compromise to the "mild reservationists" on the Republican side yesterday, vigorously denied to-day that William Jennings Bryan is behind it.

Bryan Inspiration Denied

"Bryan has nothing at all to do with it," said Senator McKellar, of Tennessee, one of the group who submitted the compromise plan. "While I am very friendly to Mr. Bryan and have the greatest admiration for him, I have never consulted him about this

move. Senator Kendrick and I went to work on this compromise plan very early in December, after it had become apparent that a compromise must be made before the treaty could be ratified."

Senator McNary, of Oregon, leader of the "mild reservationists," conferred with Senator Lodge, and later said:

The movement for a compromise started yesterday by the Democratic side was not followed up to-day on the Republican side. It was decided to do nothing until after to-morrow because the President and Mr. Bryan might have something to say about the treaty at the dinner."

### Treaty Discussion Choked Off

Senator Underwood's statement in the Senate was cut short by the insistence of other Senators that the pending action be discussed, and what threatened to be a general discussion of the compromise negotiations was prevented. Senator Underwood said:

Before the adjournment of Congress for the holiday recess I introduced a resolution looking to the appointment by the Vice-President of a committee on ways and means to endeavor to secure the ratification of the treaty of peace. When Congress adjourned it was my intention to call up the resolution as soon as reconvened, but since my return I find that an effort is being made to reach an agreement independent of that resolution, and as I do not desire to throw monkey wrenches into the machinery I have withheld pressing the resolution. I do not wish it to be understood, however, that I have abandoned the resolution. If no definite arrangement can be made within the next few days I shall endeavor to call it up and have a vote on it."

### Thompson Denounces Treaty

Senator Walsh, Democrat of Montana, read into the Congressional Record a telegram sent to every Senator and to Vice-President Marshall by Mayor William H. Thompson of Chicago, denouncing the entire treaty. The telegram greatly interested the Republicans in the Senate, who received it as an announcement that Mayor Thompson will split the Illinois delegation against Governor Lowden and try to elect delegates to the Republican National Convention from Chicago who will support some "irreconcilable" opponent of the treaty, probably Senator Hiram W. Johnson, of California.

### Reducing German Army

BERLIN, Jan. 7.—The German army, which numbered 280,000 men on January 1, will be reduced monthly, so that by April the strength laid down by the peace treaty will be attained, it was announced to-day.

The short service volunteers will be disbanded completely three months after the treaty becomes effective.

# German Peace To Be Ratified Without U. S.

## American Representatives Will Not Be Present at Ceremony, Which Still Is Scheduled for Saturday

### Fiume May Be Free City

### London Believes Premiers Will Reach an Agreement on the Adriatic Problems

PARIS, Jan. 7.—Representatives of the United States, it has been decided, will not be present during the exchange of ratifications of the peace treaty of Versailles, which is still set for January 10, but may be put over if all the details have not been completed by that date. Signing of the peace protocol will precede the ratifications by a few minutes.

Optimism prevails at London as to the conferences being held by Premiers Lloyd George and Nitti, and it is believed there will be a preliminary agreement by which Fiume and Zara may be established as free and independent cities, says the "Petit Parisien."

Fiume will be the only question dis-

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cussed at the conference of premiers and foreign ministers here next Monday, according to information emanating from semi-official headquarters.

Premier Lloyd George is said to have desired the Turkish question to be taken up Monday, at which time the British would seek to carry their point in having the transfer of the Turkish government to Asia Minor decided upon. It is understood, however, that Premier Clemenceau has informed the British and Italian leaders he would be unable to commence discussion of the Turkish question on the eve of the resignation of his Cabinet and amid the excitement of the French Presidential election. The Turkish question, therefore, has been postponed until later, but the Adriatic problem will come up immediately.

The Hungarian peace delegation, numbering about sixty persons and headed by Count Apponyi, arrived here this morning by special train. It was conducted at once to Chateau Madrid, Neuilly, where it will stay during its sojourn in Paris.

### Ludendorff to Enter Politics

PARIS, Jan. 7.—General Ludendorff, former commander in chief of the German armies on the Western front, will be an active participant in the next German political campaign, according to advices from Berlin.

# Miners Indorse Settlement on Wilson's Basis

## Delegates Win Backing of Rank and File as They Prepare for New Scale Conference in Washington

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 7.—International officers of the United Mine Workers of America will go before the commission appointed by President Wilson to arbitrate final settlement of the controversy between the miners and operators, with the backing of the rank and file of the miners of the country, as a result of action here to-day of the reconvened convention of the miners' organization.

By a vote of 1,639 to 221 the convention adopted the motion of Philip Murray, president of the Pennsylvania soft coal miners, to indorse the action

of the international officers in calling off the strike and agreeing to accept the President's proposal which provides for a 14 per cent advance in wages and agreement to submit all questions in dispute to the President's commission.

The convention adjourned sine die, and Acting President Lewis and Secretary Green will meet with the international executive board of the miners' organization here to-morrow before going to Washington, where they are to appear next Monday before the President's coal commission. The hearing in Washington is called for the purpose of allowing the miners' scale committee of the central competitive field to present the miners' case to the commission. John P. White, one of the members of this commission, was present at the convention when the vote was taken.

The vote on the settlement came after three days of debate and a stormy wind-up, in which a small but noisy minority tried to swing the convention in favor of postponing acceptance of the President's proposal until after the commission had made its award.

Opponents of the proposed settlement, fearing to block acceptance of the settlement made by the officers, filed charges against Acting President Lewis and Secretary Green, demanding their removal from office and suspension as members of the union for ten years for alleged violation of the in-

structions of the Cleveland convention and "cowardice."

The charges, which were signed by Joe Lynol and Thomas F. O'Connor Peoria, Ill., delegates, were repudiated by the convention by an almost unanimous vote.

### Predict "Tiger's" Election

PARIS, Jan. 7.—Commenting upon the date of the Presidential election, January 17, this morning's newspapers agree that Premier Clemenceau will be the next President of France, despite there has been no official acknowledgment of his acceptance of the candidacy.

Editorial opinion is, for the greater part, eulogistic, although the extremists are sarcastic. It is pointed out that this is the second time in the history of the French Republic that a President has been chosen from among

"outsiders." This refers to the fact that M. Clemenceau will on January 17 be neither a Deputy nor a Senator, but only other instance of the kind was that of Marshal MacMahon, second President of the Republic.

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